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SUBJECT: EEC FOOD AID POLICY

1. SUMMARY. THE EC COMMISSION HAS SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS A MEMORANDUM OF THE COMMUNITY'S FOOD AID POLICY. THE MEMO REVIEWS THE COMMUNITY'S PAST FOOD AID PROGRAMS AND RECOMMENDS THAT THESE PROGRAMS BE IMPROVED IN THE FUTURE, BOTH AS REGARDS THE VOLUME OF FOOD AID AND THE MIDALITIES OF SUCH AID. THE MEMO ALSO INCLUDES A TENTATIVE THREE-YEAR COMMUNITY FOOD AID PROGRAM FOR THE YEARS 1974-77. END SUMMARY.

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2. AT THE BEGINNING OF MARCH, THE EC COMMISSSION SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS A MEMORANDUM OF THE COMMUNITY'S FOOD AID POLICY. THE MEMORANDUM STRESSES THE RISING FOOD AID NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THE ROLE OF FOOD AID IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. IT REVIEWS THE COMMUNITY'S PAST FOOD AID PROGRAMS AND POINTS TO CERTAIN WEAKNESSES IN THESE PROGRAMS, IN PARTICULAR THE MODEST SIZE OF COMMUNITY FOOD AID, THEIR EXCESSIVE DEPENDENCE ON UNINTENTIONALLY ACCUMULATED SURPLUSES (DAIRY, WHEAT) AND THE LACK OF ADVANCE SUPPLY COMMITMENTS WHICH HAVE MADE IT DIFFICULT FOR RECIPIENTS COUNTRIES TO INTEGRATE COMMUNITY FOOD AID IN THEIR DEVELOPMENT PLANS.

3. THE MEMORANDUM RECOMMENDS THAT THE FUTURE EC FOOD AID PROGRAMS BE CHARACTERIZED BY LONGER TERM AID COMMITMENTS AND PROPOSES AS A FIRST STEP IN THIS DIRECTION A MEDIUM TERM THREE-YEAR FOOD AID PROGRAM. IT ALSO RECOMMENDS THAT THE PRODUCTION COMPOSITION OF THE COMMUNITY'S FOOD AID PROGRAM BE DIVERSIFIED. IN ADDITION TO THE PRODUCTS TRADITIONALLY SUPPLIED AS FOOD AID (WHEAT, RICE, SKIM MILK POWDER AND BUTTEROIL) SUGAR, PROCESSED CEREALS AND EGG POWDER SHOULD BE INCULDED. OCCASIONALLY OTHER PRODUCTS PRIMARILY INTENDED TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THE DIET IN RECIPIENT COUNTRIES COULD BE FURNISHED. THESE PRODUCTS COULD BE PURCHASED WITHIN THE COMMUNITY OR ON THE WORLD MARKETS.

4. THE MEMORANDUM ALSO SUGGESTS THAT IN THE FUTURE THE VOLUME OF COMMUNITY FOOD AID BE CONSIDERABLY LARGER THAN IN THE PAST AND THAT FOOD AID -- OTHER THAN EMERGENCY FOOD AID -- BE SOLD IN THE RECIPIENT COUNTRIES AGAINST LOCAL CURRENCY. THE PROCEEDS OF THESE SALES SHOULD BE DEPOSITED IN LOCAL CURRENCY COUNTERPART FUNDS. THESE FUNDS SHOULD BE USED FOR LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

5. FOR THE PERIOD 1974/75 - 1977/77 THE COMMISSION PROPOSES A FOOD AID PROGRAM WITHIN THE FOLLOWING RANGE:

|                  | MINIMUM COMMITMENT      | MAXIMUM COMMITMENT |
|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
|                  | (-----THOUSAND MT-----) |                    |
| GRAINS           | 1,700                   | 2,500              |
| SKIM MILK POWDER | 80                      | 120                |
| BUTTEROIL        | 45                      | 65                 |

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| SUGAR | 10 | 40 |
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6. COPIES OF THE FULL TEXT OF THE COMMUNITY'S MEMORANDUM ON FOOD AID POLICY ARE BEING POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT.  
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